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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

The Examiner has stated that restriction to one of the following inventions of the application is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- Group 1**      **Claims 2, 16, 17, and 21-27 relating to a carpet composition**
- Group 2**      **Claims 3, and 28-34 relating to a process for preparing the carpet composition.**

The applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group 1, claims 2, 16, 17, and 21-27, with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that the field of search for both inventions would be the same, and that the process necessarily makes the product of the invention disclosed within the application. M.P.E.P. § 818.03.

Applicant respectfully requests that the process claims of Group 2 be rejoined if the product claims of Group 1 are subsequently found allowable. M.P.E.P. § 821.04.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which might be required or credit any overpayment of fees with regard to the attached document(s) to Account No. **08-3150**.

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